

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS

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HAZMAT TEAMS LOCATED IN NEW YORK STATE Fiscal Year 2009 Hazmat Grant Request For Proposals

Fiscal Year 2009 HazMat Grant Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit applications for federal State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) funding made available by the NYS Office of Homeland Security (OHS) for the State's Hazardous Materials (HazMat) response teams. The three primary objectives of this grant are to promote the development of regional partnerships among the State HazMat community; to build sustainable WMD/HazMat Response and Decontamination Capabilities; and to enhance the standing of the State's HazMat teams within FEMA's "typing system."

HazMat teams located in New York State are eligible to apply for the 2009 HazMat Grant Program. This project is focused on regional programs and OHS will not accept applications from individual teams; rather, two or more teams must apply together for a regional project. OHS will not identify pre-set regions for this grant program; instead, applicants will have the ability to determine their regional construct for the purposes of this grant program.

Applicants (consisting of two or more HazMat Teams) must identify one primary team to be the "submitting partner" for this grant. The other partners involved in a given application will be deemed "non-submitting partners". The "submitting partner" will be the fiduciary agent for the regional application (if the region is a successful applicant under the 2009 HazMat Grant Program), responsible for completing all required grant reporting forms in coordination with and on behalf of their region. The "submitting partner" must be a publicly-funded HazMat team; however, the regional partnership can include "non-submitting partners" that are funded by private entities. "Non-submitting partners" will be responsible for coordinating with the "submitting partner" on the development of an application for the 2009 HazMat Grant Program and the implementation and evaluation of projects (if the regional partnership receives funding under this grant).

Applications will be accepted through 11:59 pm December 9, 2009 through the State's electronic grants management system (E-Grants). *For an application and instructions, contact:* Office of Homeland Security, Meghan Dudley, 1220 Washington Ave., State Office Campus, Bldg. 7A, Albany, NY 12242, 1-866-837-9133, e-mail: grants@security.state.ny.us

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ELIGIBLE MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDE COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES, SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, FIRE DISTRICTS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, ASSOCIATION LIBRARIES, WATER AUTHORITIES, SEWER AUTHORITIES, REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BOARDS,

SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND BOARDS OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (BOCES)

Local Government Efficiency Grant (LGE) Awards

The New York State Department of State is announcing the availability of up to \$11.515 million incentive awards program to provide grants to entities that achieve cost savings and local service delivery efficiencies through municipal consolidation or intermunicipal cooperative efforts. Grants will be awarded in the following grant categories.

High Priority Planning Grants

These non-competitive grants will be available to eligible municipalities to cover costs associated with plans developed for a city or county charter revision that includes functional consolidation or increased shared services; the village dissolution plan; plans developed for mergers, consolidations, and dissolutions; the sharing of services or transferring of functions to be performed on a countywide basis; conducting services on a multi-county or regional basis and plans for a sustainable reduction in the cost of police, fire and highway services for a municipality whose Per Capita Cost is in the top 25% of comparable municipalities in New York State. State assistance will be provided to successful applicants in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for costs associated with eligible project activities.

Remaining Application deadlines for the non-competitive grants are Wednesdays at 4:00pm on December 16, 2009, January 20, 2010, February 17, 2010 and March 17, 2010.

General Efficiency Planning, Efficiency Implementation and 21st Century Demonstration Project Grants

These competitive grants will be available to municipalities for projects in the following categories.

General Efficiency Planning Grants will be available to eligible municipalities to cover associated with identifying and planning for opportunities to improve local government efficiency and cost savings. State assistance of \$25,000 will be provided for the first two successful applicants, with an additional one thousand dollars available for each additional participating municipality, up to \$35,000.

Efficiency Implementation Grants will be available to eligible municipalities to cover costs associated with the implementation of projects that improve local government efficiency and achieve cost savings. State assistance of \$200,000 will be available per municipality for an Efficiency Implementation Grant, up to a total \$1 million per project.

21st Century Demonstration Project Grants will be available to eligible municipalities for costs associated with projects that promote large-scale, transformative change in municipalities and that can be used as living laboratories for municipal innovation. Projects may include the consolidation of supporting services for school districts within an area served by a BOCES, consolidation of multiple police forces or multiple fire districts, fire departments or fire companies, creation of a regional smart growth compact or program, consolidation of services on a multi-county basis, creation of a regional entity empowered to provide multiple functions on a countywide or regional basis, or the creation of a regional or city-county consolidated municipal government. State assistance for 21st Century Demonstration Project grants will not to exceed \$400,000 per municipality and award amounts vary by project type. In no case shall the total award exceed \$1 million for costs associated with eligible project activities.

Additional applications for the competitive grants will be accepted through Wednesday at 4:00pm on February 24, 2010.

State reimbursements will be made for up to 90% of the actual cost of a Local Government Efficiency Grant proposal or the maximum amount permitted per municipality, whichever is less. *For an application, contact:* Department of State, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1015, Albany, NY 12231, (518) 473-3355, website: www.dos.state.ny.us/lgss